Cheap Chinese goods in Indian market

*200. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chinese goods are easily available in the Indian markets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chinese goods are cheap enough to attract Indian customers;

(c) if so, to what extent Indian industries have suffered on account of Chinese goods; and

(d) the steps under consideration to combat the threat posed to our industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Trade between India and China is conducted as per the Trade Agreement signed in 1984; providing for Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Treatment. Recent data on import from China does not reveal any alarming increase. Further, in case of injury to the domestic industry, on account of unfair trade practices, trade remedial measures exist for affording legitimate protection. While such measures will continue to be imposed in cases where unfair trade practices are detected, the ultimate safeguard lies in Indian industry being competitive.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Workers affected by closing of industries

1196. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Industrial units closed down during the period 1996 to 2001, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the number of workers affected by the closing down of these units alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour collects information on closure of industrial units covered by Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and the number of workers affected by the closure. The State-wise and year-wise number of industrial units closed down during the period from 1996 to 2001 and the number of workers affected by the closing down of these units, as per information available with the Labour Bureau, are given in the enclosed statement.